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U.S. PTO Customer No. 25280

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Kenneth B. Higgins and Murray L. Schine

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For: **Adhesive-Free Carpet Tiles and Methods of Installing Adhesive-Free Carpet Tiles**

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

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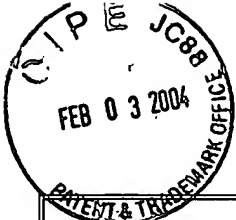
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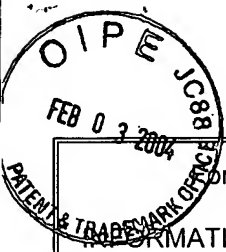
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	AE	1 560 755	15.10.70	Germany				X
	AF	2 310 970	12.09.74	Germany				X
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